

# **Near Northside**

Complete Communities  
DRAFT Summary of Existing Plans  
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# Civic Engagement

Summary of Existing Plans and Studies

Plans	Description	Projects/Programs/Policies	City Departments
◆	<b>Nurture Leaders</b>	Leadership training, including at the youth level [ongoing]	P&D
◆		Re-establish Super Neighborhood #51 Council [completed]	
◆	<b>Neighborhood Advocacy</b>	Develop an annual advocacy agenda	TxDOT
◆		Provide advocacy training	
◆		Advocate for citywide Super Neighborhood Council funding to return power and decision-making to the neighborhood	
◆		Create coalition to stay informed and engaged with the I-45 expansion project	
◆	<b>Civic Engagement</b>	Voter registration events	DON
◆		Engage with elected officials/candidates	
◆		Support area civic clubs	

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# Economy and Workforce

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Plans	Description	Projects/Programs/Policies	City Departments
  	<b>Workforce Development</b>	Offer classes to support business management skills [completed]	
		Increase the number of agencies providing job training	OBO
		Improve physical connectivity between residents and jobs	
    	<b>Attract New Development</b>	Attract new businesses focused on neighborhood needs	OBO
		Develop incentives for new businesses, including small business development grants and loans	OBO
		Focus economic development on Cavalcade near Fulton, North Main adjacent to Boundary Station, and near Quitman Station	OBO
		Redevelop Hardy Yards	HCD
		Attract a new high-end hotel with meeting and convention facilities	OBO
       	<b>Promote Local Businesses</b>	Identify opportunities to grow current businesses and attract new ones [completed]	OBO
		Create a Community Marketing Plan [completed]	
		Create a Greater Northside Chamber of Commerce [completed]	
		Promote and market neighborhood businesses, opportunities and amenities [ongoing]	OBO
		Façade improvements [ongoing] with a focus on North Main corridor	
		Develop a "shop local" campaign	
		Ensure existing businesses benefit from new transit service	
		Create parallel parking lanes along Quitman St. between I-45 and Cochran St. to allow for easy access to local businesses	PWE

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◆	<b>Early Childcare and Education</b>	Increase number of high quality early education programs	
◆		Bring Collaborative for Children's College Bound From Birth program to Near Northside [completed]	
◆	<b>Education</b>	Attract charter school to neighborhood [completed]	
◆		Improve educational outcomes at area schools	HISD
◆		Provide after-school and summer programs for youth	Houston Public Library
◆		Provide resources for parents to assist their children in school	HISD
◆	<b>Higher Education</b>	Provide GED classes and support	HCC
◆		Increase number of high school graduates who complete college degree after six years	HISD
◆		Expand the UH Downtown Campus north of I-10, closer to Near Northside	UHD

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  	<b>Air Quality</b>	Reduce pollution by significantly decreasing amount of vehicular travel	METRO

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# Health

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Plans	Description	Projects/Programs/Policies	City Departments
◆	<b>Provide Healthy Food Options</b>	Create community garden [completed]	
◆	◆	Advocate for schools to offer healthy food options	HISD
◆		Increase number of area farmers markets, healthy corner stores, and community gardens	DON
	◆	Coordinate a "bulk buying club" to buy fresh food in bulk and then disperse in smaller amounts to members	
	◆	Offer food gardening classes	
	◆	Increase opportunities to enroll in SNAP	HHS
	◆	Offer cooking and nutrition education classes	HHS
◆ ◆ ◆	<b>Encourage Active Living</b>	Expand options for walking and biking in the neighborhood	P&D
◆	<b>Increase Access to Resources</b>	Provide health fairs [ongoing]	HHS
◆		Identify mental health needs	HHS
◆		Increase access to healthcare insurance, providers and resources	HHS
◆	<b>La Nueva Casa de Amigos</b>	<b>Renovation, Parking Expansion</b>	<b>Building Services</b>

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Plans	Description	Projects/Programs/Policies	City Departments
◆	<b>Improve and Restore Existing Housing</b>	Repair existing homes [ongoing]	HCD
◆		Provide home repair programs for seniors and anyone faced with challenges [ongoing]	HCD
◆		Develop a program to acquire and restore existing single- and multi-family housing to increase affordable housing	HCD
◆		Explore creation of a home improvement loan program	HCD
◆		Improve Irvington and Fulton Village without displacement	HHA
◆	<b>Build New Housing</b>	Build affordable and market rate housing units [ongoing]	HCD
◆		Build a mixed-income community [completed]	HCD
◆		Create incentives for single-family infill development on vacant lots	HCD
◆		Explore alternative housing strategies such as tiny homes, condos and community land trusts	HCD
◆		Create high density mixed-use developments with a retail emphasis on: N. Main St. from Burnett St. to Quitman St.; Quitman St. from Everett St. to Tackaberry St.; Fulton St. from Morris St. to Hays St. and Collingsworth St. to Patton St.; Irvington Blvd. from Bigelow St. to Patton St.	HCD
◆		Create medium density mixed-use developments in: larger properties on the north side of Burnett St.; the large semi-industrial area north of the railyards and west of N. Main St.; N. Main St. from Quitman St. to Boundary St.; the truck stop area south of Patton St. and west of Fulton St.	HCD
◆		Infill vacant or underutilized properties in low density residential areas with more low density homes	HCD
◆		Create more multi-family homes near Quitman Station, taking advantage of vacant or underutilized properties	HCD
◆		Turn vacant warehouse/industrial buildings and land near Cavalcade Station into multi-family housing	HCD
◆		Grow homebuyer education and support programs	HCD
	<b>Grow Homeownership</b>		

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# Infrastructure, Mobility and Transit

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Plans	Description	Projects/Programs/Policies	City Departments
◆	<b>New Sidewalks</b>	Sidewalks at corner of Burnett Transit station [completed]	PWE
		On streets west of Main Street	PWE
		Residential areas near Fulton North Central stops [completed?]	PWE
		10' shared sidewalk/trail away where possible along MetroRail Corridor	PWE
		Between Sharman St. and Fulton St. extend sidewalks on Gale St., Canadian St. and Evelyn St.	PWE
◆	<b>Improved Sidewalks</b>	On streets east of Main Street	PWE
		Near schools	PWE
		Near Moody Park SB stop	PWE
		Create "enhanced sidewalks" along major arterials and one block in from transit corridors	PWE
		Correct sidewalks on Quitman St. (between Main St. and Hardy St.) to not abut street and utility poles impeding pedestrian right-of-way	PWE
		Hogan St./Lorraine St. (between Main St. and Hardy St.) fix uneven and older sidewalks and any failing ADA ramps	PWE
		Brooks St. (between Main St. and Hardy St.) improve planting strips	PWE
		Fill in sidewalk gaps on Burnett St., Freeman St., James St., Morris St., Boundary St., Everett St., and Gentry St.	PWE
		Styers St. behind Roosevelt Elementary School	PWE
		Shelby St. between Robertson St. and Cochran St.	PWE
◆	<b>New Streets</b>	Continue the historic grid of Northside into Hardy Yards development	PWE
		Study feasibility of a tunnel instead of a bridge over the railyards as part of City's San Jacinto extension	PWE
		Put a roundabout in the Hardy Yards area	PWE
		Connect Fletcher St. to Keene St./Harrington St.	PWE
◆	<b>Improved Streets</b>	Streetscape improvements along Fulton/Quitman Streets	PWE; METRO
		Improve entrances to neighborhood at: Along Little White Oak Bayou at Quitman St. as well as Hogan St.; I-10 and N. Main; Fulton and Burnett	
		General streetscape enhancement of major arterial roads: N. Main St., Fulton St., Irvington Blvd., Elysian St., Hardy St., Burnett St., Hogan St., Lorraine St., Quitman St., Collingsworth St. and Patton St.	PWE
		Parkway treatment for Burnett Street from the railyard east to Elysian Street	PWE
		Improve streetscaping of Fulton St. between Burnett St. and Hogan St.	PWE
		Repave Fulton St. between Quitman and Hogan St.	PWE
		Repave Northside High School area between Luzon St. and Quitman St./Fulton St. and Cochran St.	PWE
		Repave Hogan St./Lorraine St., between Main St. and Hardy St.	PWE
		Add lanes to Quitman St., between I-45 and Cochran St., to have one lane traveling in either direction along with parallel parking lanes on each side	PWE
◆	<b>Improved Traffic Signals</b>	Rebuild of traffic signal in front of Fire Station #30 on Irvington Blvd. off Frisco St.	PWE
◆	<b>New Pedestrian Crossings</b>	Connection on west side of North Main St. to replace existing tunnel sidewalk	PWE
		Connection between the Burnett Transit Station and UHD campus	PWE
		Connection on Hardy Street at McKee Street	PWE
		Create a pedestrian crossing at Paschall St. and/or Henry St.	PWE
		Hogan St./Lorraine St., between Main St. and Hardy St., particularly if traffic increases	PWE
		Brooks Street, between Main St. and Hardy St., particularly if traffic increases	PWE
		Add signalized pedestrian crossing and ramped entrance to south side of southbound platform of Quitman Station	PWE



















		Add signalized pedestrian crossing and entrance to north side of platform of Moody Park Station	PWE
		Link south side of Cavalcade Station rail platform to sidewalk network on either side of Fulton St.	PWE
		New crossings at Main St. and Henry St. with pedestrian-activated lights	PWE
		New crossings at Boundary St. and Everett St. with pedestrian-activated lights [ongoing?]	PWE
		<b>Improved Intersections</b>	
		Main St. at Brooks St. and Boundary St.[completed]	PWE
		Improve curb ramps to meet ADA standards (contrasting color and detectable pavement edge)	PWE
		Create strong pedestrian connections near Burnett Transit station	PWE
		Create safer and more attractive pedestrian intersections near I-45 and I-10	PWE
		Install pedestrian activated crossings at: Henry St. and N. Main St.; Fulton St. and Panama St.; Irvington Blvd. and Erin St./Patton St.; Catherine St. and Fulton St.	PWE
		Create curb extensions ("bulb-outs") along Quitman St., between I-45 and Cochran St., to increase pedestrian visibility	PWE
		<b>Bike Lanes</b>	
		Along Fulton St. between Burnett St. and Hogan St.	PWE; Bike Houston
		Along the proposed Burnett St parkway treatment	PWE
		Along Quitman Street	PWE
		Hogan St./Lorraine St., across neighborhood, dedicated in street ROW [ongoing]	PWE
		Extension of Pinckney St via off-street bike path west to Little White Oak Bayou path [ongoing]	PWE
		Irvington Blvd. from Burlington Northern tracks to Fulton St. (dedicated in street ROW)	PWE
		Patton St., west of Irvington Blvd. (dedicated in street ROW)	PWE
		Quitman St. from I-45 to Fulton St. and turning north until Boundary St.(dedicated in street ROW)	PWE
		N. Main St. from I-45 to Boundary St. (dedicated in street ROW)	PWE
		Freeman St. south of Hogan St. (shared on-street) turning onto Burnett St. until Hardy Rd. (dedicated in street ROW), turning onto Hardy Rd. and then onto Leona St. ending at Elysian St. (shared on-street)	PWE
		Fulton St. between Hogan St. and Burnett St., (dedicated in street ROW)	PWE
		Donlen St. north across Burlington Rail tracks (shared on-street)	PWE
		Amassa St. to Melbourne St. to Frisco St. (shared on-street)	PWE
		Cochran St. from Loop 610 moving south to end of street (shared on-street)	PWE
		English St. from Fulton St. to Elysian St. (shared on-street)	PWE
		Beggs St., starting from Patton St., moving southwest onto Catherine St., turning onto Calendar St. then Searle St., and then Cottage St. (shared on-street)	PWE
		West end of Pinckney St. turning onto Keene St. turning onto Boundary St. until N. Main St. (shared on-street)	PWE
		South St. in front of Leonel Castillo Community Center (shared on-street)	PWE
		Freeman St. between Hogan St. and Burnett St. (shared on-street)	PWE
		<b>New Hike and Bike Trails</b>	
		Develop a walkability plan	HPARD; PWE
		Create a hike and bike plan for Little White Oak Bayou [completed]	HPARD; PWE
		Link trail to Quitman Station	HPARD; PWE
		Create a connection from Woodland Park, on the other side of I-45, to Moody Park	HPARD; PWE
		<b>Street Trees</b>	
		On MetroRail Corridor, provide street trees at 30' on center	PWE
		<b>Street Lighting</b>	
		Cavalcade St. from I-45 to Irvington Blvd	PWE, CenterPoint
		Quitman St., between Main St. and Hardy St.	PWE, CenterPoint
		Hogan St./Lorraine St., between Main St. and Hardy St.	PWE, CenterPoint
		Brooks St., between Main St. and Hardy St.	PWE, CenterPoint
		Near Moody Park Station and Cavalcade Station, targeted at redevelopment/opportunity sites	PWE, CenterPoint



# Neighborhood Character

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Plans	Description	Projects/Programs/Policies	City Departments
    	<b>Preserve the Neighborhood</b>	Protect lots through minimum lot size restrictions [ongoing] Put Historic Near Northside on National Register of Historic Places [completed] Restore columns in Castillo Park [completed] Follow guidelines on future development to preserve and strengthen existing identity Revitalize/redevelop existing buildings to emphasize historically occurring pedestrian accessibility	P&D     P&D
     	<b>Create a Place for Art</b>	Expand public art [ongoing] Attract a new music venue [completed] Develop a public art plan Attract a new cultural center Develop landscaping and public art on support columns at the elevated rail section and on retaining wall structure Public artwork (including decorative fencing and landscaping) at the transformer location near Boundary St. and Fulton St.	MOCA   MOCA MOCA  METRO  MOCA
    	<b>Celebrate the Community</b>	Express the history of the neighborhood through residents' stories [ongoing] Organize signature events and festivals in the neighborhood [ongoing] Use the Burnett Transit station as a vital link and anchor Create "festival streets" at Fulton St. and Quitman St. Identify the best location for a "Better Block" project	METRO  PWE

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◆		Use vacant lots on or near Hogan St. to create park space in southeast area	HPARD
◆	Existing Parks and Open Spaces	Expand and improve existing parks including Moody, Hogg, and/or Castillo	HPARD; HHD; PWE
◆		Develop a vision for the future of Castillo Park [completed]	
◆		Avenue Place future park site [ongoing]	
◆		Add new lighting for basketball pavilion at Irvington Park	CenterPoint
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◆	<b>Park Improvements</b> (CIP 2017-2021 Unspecified Park Improvements)		HPARD
◆		Ballfield Lighting	HPARD
◆		Splashpad Renovation	HPARD
◆		Playground Replacements	HPARD
◆		Swimming Pool Upgrades	HPARD

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◆	<b>Working Together</b>	Create a Near Northside National Night Out to bring residents and police together [completed]	HPD
◆		Increase participation in HPD's Positive Interaction Program	HPD
◆		Increase police patrols especially on Quitman St., particularly in the afternoon after school lets out	HPD
◆		Create a volunteer neighborhood watch program to work with law enforcement	
◆	<b>Caring for Pets</b>	Have a pet spay and neuter program	BARC
◆		Create educational programs to reduce stray and neglected animals and to report abuse	BARC
◆	<b>Creating Safe Places</b>	Carry out safety audits which use principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design [ongoing]	HPD
◆		Keep vacant lots from becoming and remaining a site for litter and illegal dumping [ongoing]	DON
◆		Identify poorly lit areas and areas in need of sidewalks to improve walkability and safety	PWE
◆		Create a sound and safety wall along the rail yards	PWE
◆	<b>Loitering</b>	Address the challenge of loitering, homeless needs and panhandling	HPD

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